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DAILY SUMMARY – OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Current as of 12:00 p.m. EST April 1, 2003

Significant Events in Last 24 Hours

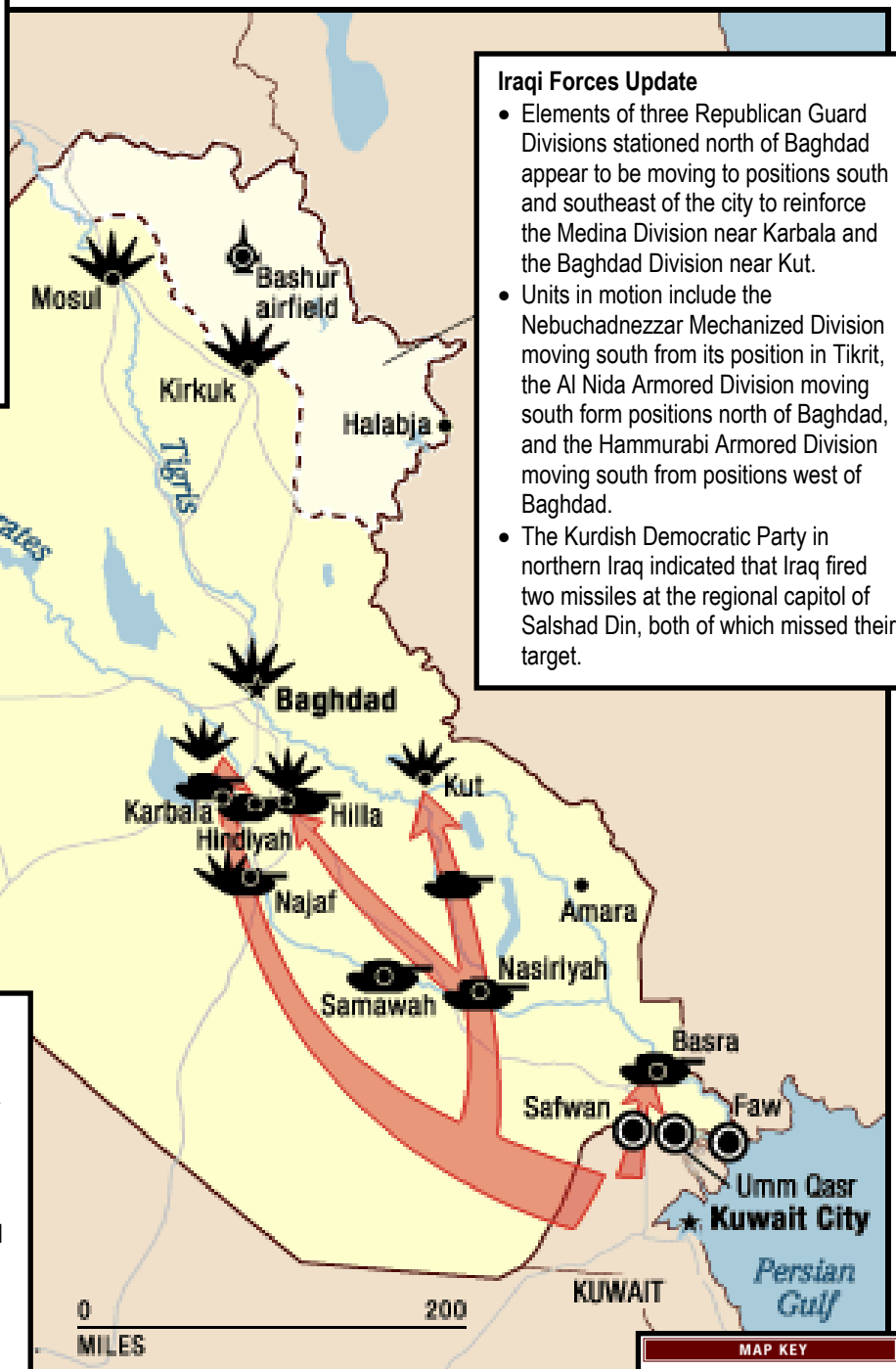
- Coalition Air Forces attacked targets in and around Baghdad. Strikes in Baghdad focused on communications and government facilities. Department of Defense sources said that the nearly 1,000 sorties flown yesterday against Republican Guard units resulted in “a very significant weakening” of Iraqi forces.
- U.S. ground forces engaged in pitched battles with Republican Guard units on the approaches to Baghdad. Near Karbala, U.S. forces fired on a vehicle when it failed to stop at a checkpoint, resulting in 7-10 Iraqi civilian deaths.

Iraqi Forces Update

- Elements of three Republican Guard Divisions stationed north of Baghdad appear to be moving to positions south and southeast of the city to reinforce the Medina Division near Karbala and the Baghdad Division near Kut.
- Units in motion include the Nebuchadnezzar Mechanized Division moving south from its position in Tikrit, the Al Nida Armored Division moving south from positions north of Baghdad, and the Hammurabi Armored Division moving south from positions west of Baghdad.
- The Kurdish Democratic Party in northern Iraq indicated that Iraq fired two missiles at the regional capitol of Sulaymaniyah, both of which missed their target.

Coalition Forces Update

- U.S. forces are approaching Baghdad from the south, forming a front along the line from Karbala eastward to the towns of Hilla and Kut, southeast of the capital.
- Elements of the 3rd Infantry Division engaged with Iraqi forces in the town of Najaf. Army intelligence believes that over 2,000 Iraqi paramilitary personnel occupy the city. 3rd Infantry Division units also engaged Iraqi forces near Karbala.
- Marine forces continue to battle Iraqi forces harassing U.S. supply lines near Nasiriyah.
- British forces continue to battle paramilitary forces in Basra and now control a bridge over a waterway south of the city.
- A waterline has been extended and opened from Kuwait to Umm Qasr, providing water for the 40,000 residents of that town.



Sources: Unclassified Department of Defense Sources and Press Reports; map from *The Washington Post*.

